Strike in jute mills

2725. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 Central Trade Unions in the jute sector have called for an indefinite strike in jute mills in West Bengal from 7th January, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and earlier strikes;

(c) whether Government are taking any action like withdrawal of benefits such as JPMA protection and Excise Duty Exemption for jute mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employment exchanges in Rajasthan

2726. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges functioning at present in Rajasthan, district-wise and location-wise; and

(b) the details of the unemployed youths indicating their trade registered with each exchange during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) As per the available information, 40 Employment Exchanges are functioning in the State of Rajasthan as on Dec. 2001. Employment Exchange-wise details of the registered job seekers for the last five years is given in the Statement (*See* below). Trade-wise details of the registered job seekers are not maintained.